

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending. In the Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the drawings for not depicting each and every feature of the invention as specified in the claims, and specifically the structure of Claim 9. Applicants respectfully assert that Figure 5 illustrates the structure which is recited in Claim 9. Accordingly, reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, and 12 have been rejected as anticipated by Pan; Claims 2, 4, 8, 9, and 14 have been rejected as unpatentable over Pan; and, Claims 10, 11 and 13 are considered allowable but have been rejected as dependent upon a rejected base claim. Amendments to the allowable claims are not being submitted at this time, due to the fact that Applicants consider all of the claims to be allowable.

Applicants submit herewith a Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. 1.131. The Declaration and accompanying documentation establish completion of the invention which is the subject of the present application at a date prior to November 29, 1999, the earliest effective date of the cited Pan patent.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the Declaration, withdrawal of the objections, withdrawal of the rejections, and issuance of the claims.

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